

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jim Hoobler on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hoobler is one such estimable person who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, having served with distinction for nearly thirty years as senior curator of art and architecture for the Tennessee State Museum, Mr. Hoobler took his much-deserved retirement in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hoobler earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Georgia in 1972 and his Master of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in 1975; and

WHEREAS, an archivist with the Tennessee State Library and Archives from 1975 to 1978, he was instrumental in Governor Lamar Alexander's establishment of the Capitol Restoration Commission, which he served as an advisor from its inception; and

WHEREAS, for nearly fifty years, Jim Hoobler preserved, restored, and highlighted local and State history through his work on the Tennessee Historical Society, which he served as executive director from 1978 to 1988; the Metro Historical Commission; the Nashville City Cemetery Commission; and the Tennessee Art League; and

WHEREAS, his unstinting dedication to preserving the history of Middle Tennessee led to the restoration and preservation of Downtown Presbyterian Church, the Nashville City Cemetery, and Carnton; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Mr. Hoobler has participated in numerous worthy organizations, including serving as chief

consultant for the Executive Mansion's decorative and fine arts and as curator of the State Capitol from 1988 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, he is also a prolific author of numerous books and articles on art and history, including *A Guide to Historic Nashville*, *Historic Photos of Chickamauga Chattanooga*, *Tennessee: The Volunteer State*, *Distinctive Women of Tennessee*, and *This Used to be Nashville*, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hoobler exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Hoobler demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens he so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Jim Hoobler our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service with the Tennessee State Museum and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.